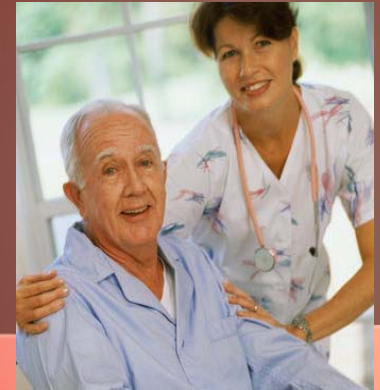


2006 Amendments to the Older Americans Act P.L. 109-365

U.S. Administration on Aging

December 7, 2006

Edwin Walker
Frank Burns
John Wren

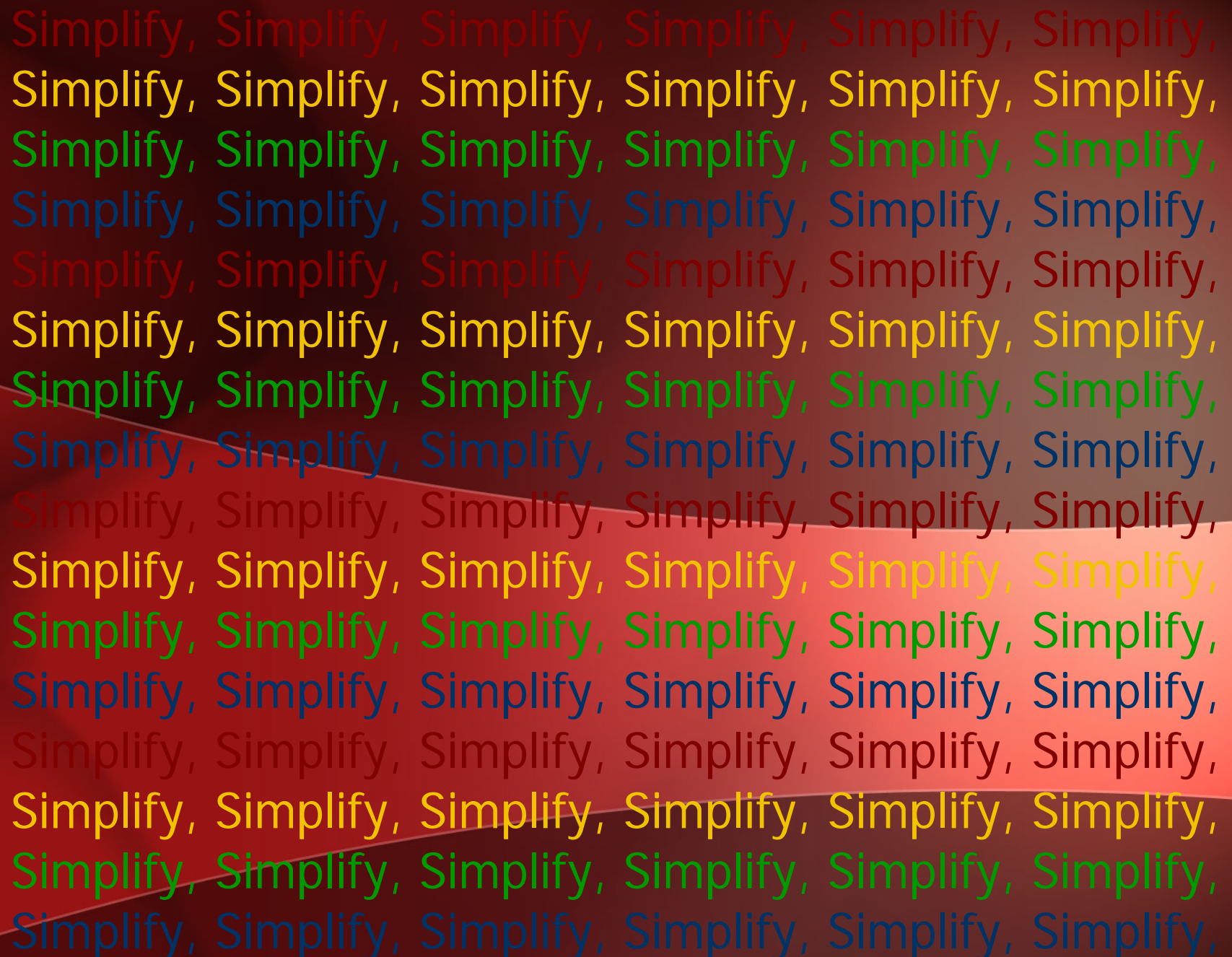


(These slides were the basis of a presentation designed to summarize changes in the Older Americans Act and are not intended to represent definitive policy of the agency)

Reauthorization

- Increase Flexibility
- Streamline & Simplify Administrative Processes
- Facilitate Program Integration & Coordination
- Enhance Efficiency & Effectiveness

Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify, Simplify,



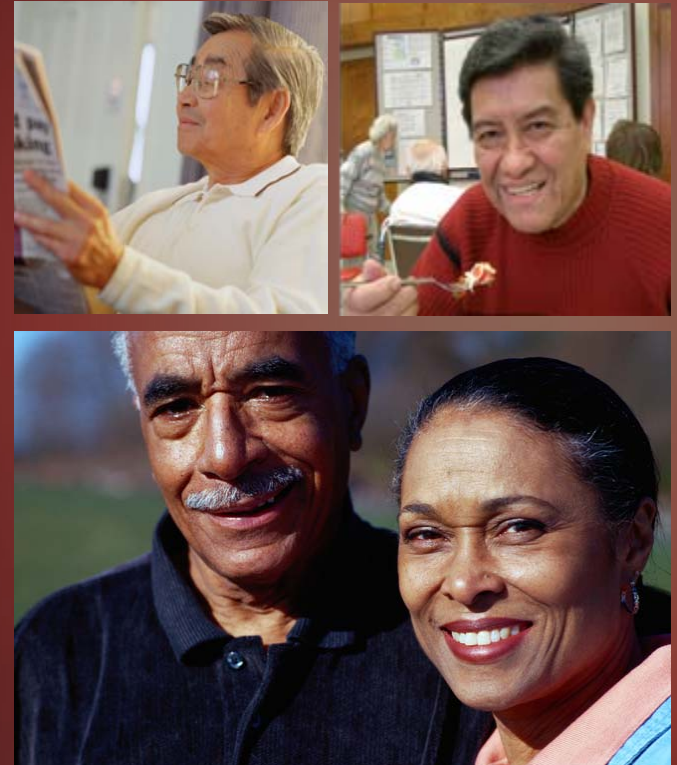
Title I – Declaration of Objectives & Definitions

- Objectives
 - Retained and remained unchanged
- Definitions updated and made consistent with other statutes and proposals
 - Assistive Technology –
 - Consistent with the Assistive Technology Act of 1998
 - Elder abuse, neglect, exploitation –
 - Consistent with the definitions used by the Elder Justice Coalition in the Elder Justice Act
 - ADRC; Evidence-Based Health Promotion; Self-Directed Care; At-Risk of Institutional Placement; Long-Term Care
 - Consistent with the principles of Choices for Independence

Title II – Administration on Aging

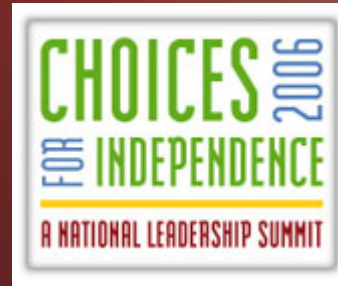
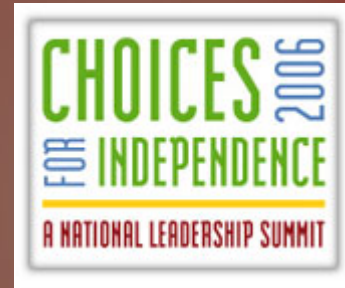
Maintains, highlights, updates and strengthens the role and functions of AoA and the Assistant Secretary for Aging

- ***Choices for Independence***
- ***Federal Partnerships***
- ***Mental Health***
- ***Civic Engagement***
- ***Benefits Counseling and Outreach***
- ***Elder Justice and Elder Abuse***
- ***Evidence-based Nutrition Services***
- ***Private Pay Options***



CHOICES for Independence

- Consumer Empowerment
 - Aging & Disability Resource Centers
- Community Living Incentives
 - Flexible Options and More Choices for High-Risk Individuals
- Healthy Lifestyles
 - Evidence-Based Disease Prevention Interventions



Choices for Independence

- Principles Embedded in **Title I**
 - **Definitions for**
 - ADRC
 - At Risk for Institutional Placement
 - Long-Term Care
 - State System of Long-Term Care
- Principles Embedded in **Title II**
 - **AoA to**
 - Promote development & implementation of HCB LTC systems in response to needs & preferences of older individuals and family caregivers
- Principles Embedded in **Title III**
 - **SUAs to –**
 - Facilitate the provision of HCB LTC through AAAs and service providers
 - **AAAs to –**
 - Facilitate the area-wide development & implementation of HCB LTC systems

Title III – State and Community Programs



- Home and Community-Based LTC
- Evidence-based Nutrition and Health Promotion
- Coordination of Mental Health Services
- Emergency Preparedness
- Planning for Baby Boomers
- Expanded Targeting of Services
 - Limited English Proficiency

Interstate Funding Formula

- 2000 Amendments – Four Factors
 - Population – 60+
 - Minimum amount – $\frac{1}{2}\%$ for each state; $\frac{1}{4}\%$ for select territories; $\frac{1}{16}\%$ for remaining territories
 - Hold Harmless – At least amount received in FY 2000
 - Guaranteed Growth --
 - Increased by a percentage equal to 20% of the increase between FY 2000 and the current fiscal year

Funding Formulas

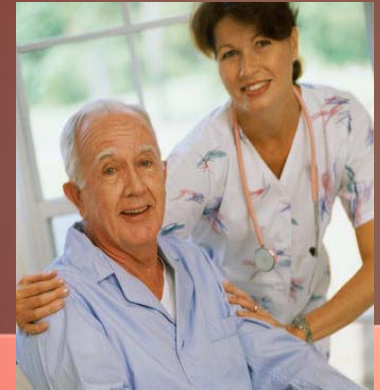
Interstate Funding Formula

- 2006 Amendments – *Two Changes*
 - Population – 60+
 - Minimum amount – $\frac{1}{2}\%$ for each state; $\frac{1}{4}\%$ for select territories; $\frac{1}{16}\%$ for remaining territories
 - Hold Harmless – At least amount received in *FY 2006*
 - Guaranteed Growth – *Phased out by 2011*
 - 20% in FY 2007;
 - 15% in FY 2008;
 - 10% in FY 2009
 - 5% in FY 2010
 - 0% in FY 2011

Nutrition Services

Purpose

- Reduce hunger and food insecurity
- Promote socialization
- Promote health and well-being



Nutrition Services

- Nutrition Education
- Nutrition Counseling
- Other Nutrition Services, as appropriate
 - Screening and assessment
 - Based on needs of meal participants
- Home-delivered Nutrition
 - Encouraged to provide available medical information
 - Brochures
 - How to get vaccines
 - Disabled individuals residing with older individual
 - No longer a requirement to “accompany” the older individual

Nutrition Services

Sense of the Congress

- Meal Programs contribute to nutritional health of older adults
- When nutritional needs are not fully met
 - A single, daily multivitamin-mineral supplement may help ensure nutritional health
 - Can be a safe, inexpensive strategy to ensure nutritional health
- Providers should consider whether individuals would benefit from them
- **Not a Service Requirement**

Nutrition Services Incentive Program

Designed to provide greater flexibility at the state and local level

- AoA to provide Cash to States
- States or local providers can access U.S. agricultural commodities and other foods through school food authorities
 - Remain entitled to receive bonus or surplus commodities donated from USDA

National Family Caregiver Support Program

Broadened Populations to be Served

- Caregivers of individuals with *Alzheimer's Disease*
- Grandparents or older relative caregivers (*55 years* of age or older) caring for a child related by blood, marriage, or *adoption*
- Child is an individual not more than 18 years of age, or an *individual with a disability* (adult children w/disability)

National Family Caregiver Support Program

Priorities Established

- Caregivers who are older individuals with
 - Greatest social need
 - Greatest economic need
 - With particular attention to low-income older individuals
- Caregivers of older individuals with Alzheimer's Disease
- Older individuals caring for individuals with severe disabilities, including children with severe disabilities

Cost Sharing and Voluntary Contributions

- **Cost Sharing – no changes made**
 - **Service recipients share in the cost through**
 - Sliding fee scale and
 - Self-declaration
 - **Not permitted for:**
 - I & A
 - Case Management
 - Nutrition Services
 - Tribal Organizations Services
 - Services to Low-income Individuals
 - Ombudsman Services
 - Elder Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation Services

Cost Sharing and Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary Contributions – *changes made*
 - Shall be allowed to non-coercively solicit voluntary contributions for all services
 - For individuals whose self-declared income is at or above 185 percent of poverty line
 - Contributions shall be encouraged at a level based on the actual cost of services

For Both Cost Sharing & Voluntary Contributions

- Not means test
- Not deny services for those who do not contribute
- Funds used to expand the service for which the contribution was made

(This slide has been modified to clarify and respond to questions raised following the presentation)

Private Pay

- Allows aging network to provide services to individuals and entities NOT otherwise served by OAA programs for a fee (private pay).
- Effective means of providing quality services to those who do not seek services from the network or are inadequately served in the current marketplace
- Funds raised through private pay relationships are to be used in OAA programs to reduce waiting lists or serve more people

Title IV – Activities for Health, Independence and Longevity

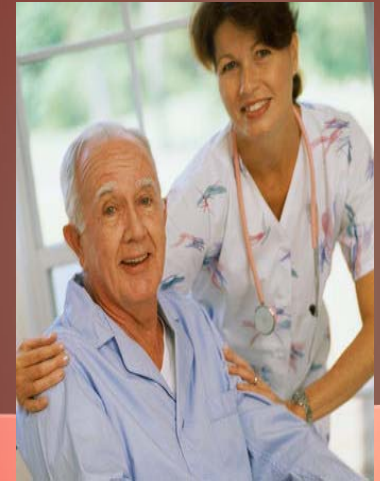


- Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs)
- Multigenerational & Civic Engagement
- Mental Health Services & Screening
- Innovations to Improve Transportation
- Planning for Baby Boomers
- Assessing Technology-Based Models
- Improving Support for Family Caregivers
- Building Awareness of Cognitive Impairments, such as Alzheimer's

Title VI – Native Americans

Consortia of Tribal Organizations

- A Tribal Organization that
 - Received a grant and
 - Was part of a consortium in 1991
- But *separately* applies
- Shall be treated as a member of the consortium and eligible to receive funding
 - Not treated as a new grantee



Title VII – Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection

Expanded and Broadened Authorities

- State Elder Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation Programs
- Native American Elder Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Programs

New Authorities

- Comprehensive State Elder Justice Systems



Reauthorization

- Increase Flexibility
- Streamline & Simplify Administrative Processes
- Facilitate Program Integration & Coordination
- Enhance Efficiency & Effectiveness

Implementation

- Increase Flexibility
- Streamline & Simplify Administrative Processes
- Facilitate Program Integration & Coordination
- Enhance Efficiency & Effectiveness

[illegible]